


## Midewin Programs and Volunteer Days January-March 2015

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Please be aware that hunting season is from January 1 through January 18. Check the [IDNR website](#) for more details.

We recommend all visitors stay on trails and wear bright clothing during hunting season.

FREE Tours and Programs. <a href="#">Click for 2015 Lecture Series Flier.</a>	Volunteer Days for Prairie Restoration Volunteer Days for Interpreters	Volunteer Training	<b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b>	 Children are always welcome, but these activities are more appropriate
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Date	Time	Meeting Location	Activity
1 January Thursday			<b>Midewin Office Closed</b> for New Year's Day. <i>Volunteer Day Cancelled.</i> <i>Trails are always open from 4am-10pm</i>
7 January Wednesday	10:00am-12:30pm	Midewin SO (Welcome Center)	<b>Mighty Acorns Youth Program Training/Refresher:</b> Volunteer interpreters lead activities for local elementary school students such as learning about tree rings, understanding how wildlife survives the winter, and planting seeds in trays. New volunteers are welcome! Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator in advance.
8 January Thursday	9:00am - 2:30pm	Midewin SO (Horticulture Bldg)	<b>**General Restoration Volunteer Day.</b> Rain or Shine.
8 January Thursday	6:30pm Doors Open. 7:00pm Presentation	Welcome Center	<b>Lecture Series:</b> "History in a Bone: Hunting the Ghost Bison of Midewin". Presented by Joe Wheeler, Midewin Archeologist. <a href="#">Click for details.</a>
9 January Friday	9:00am - Noon	Midewin SO (Welcome Center)	<b>Mighty Acorns Youth Program:</b> Volunteer interpreters lead activities for local elementary school students such as learning about tree rings, understanding how wildlife survives the winter, and planting seeds in trays. New volunteers are welcome! Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator.
12 January Monday	9:30am – 12:30pm	Midewin SO (Welcome Center)	<b>Mighty Acorns Youth Program:</b> Volunteer interpreters lead activities for local elementary school students such as learning about tree rings, understanding how wildlife survives the winter, and planting seeds in trays. New volunteers are welcome! Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator.
14 January Wednesday	9:30am – 12:30pm	Midewin SO (Welcome Center)	<b>Mighty Acorns Youth Program:</b> Volunteer interpreters lead activities for local elementary school students such as learning about tree rings, understanding how wildlife survives the winter, and planting seeds in trays. New volunteers are welcome! Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator.
15 January Thursday	9:00am - 2:30pm	Midewin SO (Horticulture Bldg)	<b>**General Restoration Volunteer Day.</b> Rain or Shine.
19 January Monday			<b>Midewin Office Closed</b> for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. <i>Trails are always open from 4am-10pm.</i>
20 January Tuesday	11:45am – 2:45pm	Midewin SO (Welcome Center)	<b>Mighty Acorns Youth Program:</b> Volunteer interpreters lead activities for local elementary school students such as learning about tree rings, understanding how wildlife survives the winter, and planting seeds in trays. New volunteers are welcome! Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator.
22 January Thursday	9:00am - 2:30pm	Midewin SO (Horticulture Bldg)	<b>**General Restoration Volunteer Day.</b> Rain or Shine.
22 January Thursday	6:30pm Doors Open. 7:00pm Presentation	Welcome Center	<b>Lecture Series:</b> "A Sand Blast from the Past: An Exploration of the Unique Kankakee Sands Region". Presented by Janine and Floyd Catchpole. <a href="#">Click for details.</a>
23 January Friday	9:30am – 12:30pm	Midewin SO (Welcome Center)	<b>Mighty Acorns Youth Program:</b> Volunteer interpreters lead activities for local elementary school students such as learning about tree rings, understanding how wildlife survives the winter, and planting seeds in trays. New volunteers are welcome! Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator.
<b>24 JANUARY SATURDAY</b>	9:00am – 5:00pm	Starved Rock State Park	<b>2015 EAGLE WATCH WEEKEND:</b> Come to Starved Rock State Park to view the eagles, and be sure to visit Midewin's information booth located in the Starved Rock Lodge. <a href="#">Click for details.</a>
<b>25 JANUARY SUNDAY</b>	9:00am – 5:00pm	Starved Rock State Park	<b>2015 EAGLE WATCH WEEKEND:</b> Come to Starved Rock State Park to view the eagles, and be sure to visit Midewin's information booth located in the Starved Rock Lodge. <a href="#">Click for details.</a>

26 January Monday	11:45am – 2:45pm	Midewin SO (Welcome Center)	<b>Mighty Acorns Youth Program:</b> Volunteer interpreters lead activities for local elementary school students such as learning about tree rings, understanding how wildlife survives the winter, and planting seeds in trays. New volunteers are welcome! Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator.
29 January Thursday	9:00am - 2:30pm	Midewin SO (Horticulture Bldg)	<b>**General Restoration Volunteer Day.</b> Rain or Shine.
5 February Thursday	9:00am - 2:30pm	Midewin SO (Horticulture Bldg)	<b>**General Restoration Volunteer Day.</b> Rain or Shine.
5 February Thursday	6:30pm Doors Open. 7:00pm Presentation	Welcome Center	<b>Lecture Series:</b> “On the Brink of Extinction: Efforts to save the Blanding’s Turtle”. Presented by Ecologist Dan Thompson. <a href="#">Click for details.</a>
12 February Thursday	9:00am - 2:30pm	Midewin SO (Horticulture Bldg)	<b>**General Restoration Volunteer Day.</b> Rain or Shine.
16 February Monday			<b>Midewin Office Closed</b> for the George Washington’s birthday. Trails are always open from 4am-10pm.
19 February Thursday	9:00am - 2:30pm	Midewin SO (Horticulture Bldg)	<b>**General Restoration Volunteer Day.</b> Rain or Shine.
19 February Thursday	6:30pm Doors Open. 7:00pm Presentation	Welcome Center	<b>Lecture Series:</b> “Longhouses on the Prairie: Late Prehistoric Archaeology in the Chicago Region”. Presented by The University of Chicago’s Madeleine McLeester. <a href="#">Click for details.</a>
26 February Thursday	9:00am - 2:30pm	Midewin SO (Horticulture Bldg)	<b>**General Restoration Volunteer Day.</b> Rain or Shine.
5 March Thursday	9:00am - 2:30pm	Midewin SO (Horticulture Bldg)	<b>**General Restoration Volunteer Day.</b> Rain or Shine.
5 March Thursday	6:30pm Doors Open. 7:00pm Presentation	Welcome Center	<b>Lecture Series:</b> “Storms of the Great Plains”. Presented by amateur meteorologist and storm chaser Danny Neal. <a href="#">Click for details.</a>
11 March Wednesday	6:30pm – 9:00pm	Midewin SO (Welcome Center)	<b>Frog Monitoring Training/Season Kick-off.</b> Get trained to document which frog species call Midewin home by learning to identify their unique mating calls.
12 March Thursday	9:00am - 2:30pm	Midewin SO (Horticulture Bldg)	<b>**General Restoration Volunteer Day.</b> Rain or Shine.
19 March Thursday	9:00am - 2:30pm	Midewin SO (Horticulture Bldg)	<b>**General Restoration Volunteer Day.</b> Rain or Shine.
19 March Thursday	6:30pm Doors Open. 7:00pm Presentation	Welcome Center	<b>Lecture Series:</b> “A Vision of Vibrancy for our National Prairielands”. Presented by Louise Phillips, an author & artist residing in Washington, D.C. <a href="#">Click for details.</a>
26 March Thursday	9:00am - 2:30pm	Midewin SO (Horticulture Bldg)	<b>**General Restoration Volunteer Day.</b> Rain or Shine.

**To RSVP for Tours and Programs:** Advance registration is required to guarantee your spot by calling our main number (815) 423-6370 or email [Midewin\\_RSVP@fs.fed.us](mailto:Midewin_RSVP@fs.fed.us).

**To RSVP for Volunteer Days and Trainings:** Please contact Kathryn Gorman, Assistant Volunteer Coordinator, by phone at (815) 423-2148, email [kathryngorman@fs.fed.us](mailto:kathryngorman@fs.fed.us) or use your [Volgistics account](#).

**\*\*General Restoration Volunteer Days** - The activities for these days will be based on need and weather conditions. Activities may include seed cleaning, brush cutting, herbicide treatment, invasive plant pulling, seed broadcasting, and greenhouse planting. Please be prepared for outdoor or indoor work, as we may do more than one activity on a Volunteer Day.

*For Volunteer Days: Midewin will provide tools, safety gear, and water. Please bring your own lunch. Dress in layers with sturdy field boots. Volunteer Days and Events do fill up. Knowing how many volunteers or visitors will attend, allows our staff to better organize the event and we can inform you of Changes or Cancellations.*

